

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-00276-ABJ**

COMPETITIVE ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE v. UNITED  
STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Assigned to: Judge Amy Berman Jackson  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 02/07/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
02/07/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5322108) filed by COMPETITIVE ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons for the Attorney General, # <u>3</u> Summons for the US Attorney, # <u>4</u> Summons for the agency, the State Department)(Watkins, Charles) (Entered: 02/07/2018)
02/07/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Amy Berman Jackson. (zmd) (Entered: 02/09/2018)
02/09/2018	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent) (zmd) (Entered: 02/09/2018)

02/22/2018	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by April Denise Seabrook on behalf of All Defendants (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 02/22/2018)
03/01/2018	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 2/20/2018., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 2/20/2018. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 3/22/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 2/20/2018 (Watkins, Charles) (Entered: 03/01/2018)
03/22/2018	<u>5</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 03/22/2018)
03/23/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>5</u> Motion for Extension of Time. Defendant must file an answer to plaintiff's complaint or other response by March 29, 2018. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 03/23/2018. (lcabj3) (Entered: 03/23/2018)
03/29/2018	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Seabrook, April) Modified to add link on 3/30/2018 (znmw). (Entered: 03/29/2018)
03/30/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of Local Civil Rule 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure appear to be inapplicable. Defendant shall file a dispositive motion or, in the alternative, a report setting forth the schedule for the completion of its production of documents to plaintiff, on or before April 27, 2018. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 03/30/2018. (lcabj3) (Entered: 03/30/2018)
04/27/2018	<u>7</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>and Proposed Schedule</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Seabrook, April) (Entered: 04/27/2018)
04/30/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Defendant must submit another status report by June 11, 2018 which provides more information concerning the number of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 04/30/2018. (lcabj3) (Entered: 04/30/2018)
06/11/2018	<u>8</u>	STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 06/11/2018)
06/12/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The parties must submit a joint status report by September 14, 2018. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 06/12/2018. (lcabj3) (Entered: 06/12/2018)
09/14/2018	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 09/14/2018)
09/18/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The parties must file another joint status report by January 15, 2019, with a proposed schedule for either further production or other proceedings, as needed. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 09/18/2018. (lcabj3) (Entered: 09/18/2018)
12/14/2018	<u>10</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Paul Cirino on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE Substituting for attorney April Denise Seabrook (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 12/14/2018)
01/15/2019	<u>11</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Stay , Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>All Deadlines</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Pfaffenroth, Peter) (Entered: 01/15/2019)
01/16/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>11</u> Unopposed Motion to Stay. The government must file a notice within two days of the resumption of operations and it should include a proposed revised schedule. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 01/16/2019. (lcabj3) (Entered: 01/16/2019)
01/29/2019	<u>12</u>	NOTICE of <i>Restored Government Funding and Proposed Schedule</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 01/29/2019)

01/29/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the government's notice <u>12</u> , the stay in this case is lifted and the parties must submit a joint status report by March 15, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 01/29/2019. (lcabj3) (Entered: 01/29/2019)
03/15/2019	<u>13</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by April Denise Seabrook on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney Paul Cirino (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 03/15/2019)
03/15/2019	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>and Proposed Schedule</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 03/15/2019)
03/19/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties must file a joint status report by April 15, 2019 with a proposed schedule for further proceedings, if needed. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 03/19/2019. (lcabj3) (Entered: 03/19/2019)
04/15/2019	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 04/15/2019)
04/16/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties must file an updated joint status report by May 21, 2019, with a proposed schedule for further proceedings, if needed. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 04/16/2019. (lcabj3) (Entered: 04/16/2019)
05/21/2019	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by COMPETITIVE ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE. (Watkins, Charles) (Entered: 05/21/2019)
05/23/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties must submit a joint status report by June 18, 2019, if the matter has not been resolved by then. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 05/23/2019. (lcabj3) (Entered: 05/23/2019)
06/21/2019	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by COMPETITIVE ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE. (Watkins, Charles) (Entered: 06/21/2019)
06/21/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties must submit an updated joint status report by July 29, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 06/21/2019. (lcabj3) (Entered: 06/21/2019)
07/30/2019	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by COMPETITIVE ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE. (Watkins, Charles) (Entered: 07/30/2019)
07/31/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties must submit an updated joint status report by August 29, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 07/31/2019. (lcabj3) (Entered: 07/31/2019)
08/29/2019	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by COMPETITIVE ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE. (Watkins, Charles) (Entered: 08/29/2019)
09/05/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties must file an updated joint status report by October 7, 2019, if the matter has not been dismissed by then. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 09/05/2019. (lcabj3) (Entered: 09/05/2019)
09/05/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/7/2019. (tg) (Entered: 09/06/2019)
10/07/2019	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by COMPETITIVE ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE. (Watkins, Charles) (Entered: 10/07/2019)
10/08/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties must file another status report by November 7, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 10/8/2019. (lcabj3) (Entered: 10/08/2019)
10/08/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 11/7/2019. (tg) (Entered: 10/08/2019)
11/07/2019	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 11/07/2019)
11/08/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>21</u> joint status report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall submit another status report by December 9, 2019, advising the Court of the status of settlement if the case has not been dismissed by that date. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 11/8/2019. (lcabj3) (Entered: 11/08/2019)